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&Idquo; The Wood-To-Energy Grant funding will create jobs and help create markets for forest products, " said Michaud. &Idquo; These funds will assist several counties and municipalities convert their buildings to renewable energy from woody biomass. The granting of these Wood-To-Energy funds is an excellent investment in our state. It also has the added benefit of reducing our fossil fuel energy consumption and reducing our country ' s reliance on foreign oil. "

The State of Maine, working with the eligible counties, will determine the public buildings that will receive the funding for conversion from fossil fuels to renewable biomass fuels. The eligible counties are: Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Washington.

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USDA, Forest Service Wood-To-Energy Grant Funding

Wood to Energy Projects

State
Es't Am't to Accomplish (\$1000)
Arizona Total
1400
California Total
4748
Colorado Total
1000
Idaho Total
3250
Kentucky Total

2000			
Maine Total			
11424			
Minnesota Total			
250			
Missouri Total			
6000			
North Dakota Total			
237			
New Mexico Total			
2500			

Nevada Total		
620		
Oregon Total		
11100		
Pennsylvania Total		
400		
Washington Total		
4000		
TOTAL		
\$48,929.00		